#### Region 5

#### **Hot Topics**

#### Next Steps and Additional Air Testing Planned for Willowbrook, Ill., EtO Emissions

<u>Key Message:</u> Sterigenics had planned to conduct stack testing last weekend, but postponed that until later in September, possibly as soon as next week. The company has shared recent modeling results, and has asked for the region to review their data and methodologies. The Region continues to work cooperatively with the Illinois EPA, local officials and the company.

This week Region 5 briefed representatives for Sens. Durbin and Duckworth and Reps. Roskam and Foster on the status of ethylene oxide emissions and next steps at the Sterigenics facility in Willowbrook.

This spring, Region 5 monitoring detected elevated levels of ethylene oxide near the Sterigenics facility in the community. A report published by ATSDR shows an elevated cancer risk exists for residents and off-site workers, assuming chronic exposure. Region 5 is working with Illinois EPA and Sterigenics to reduce emissions of ethylene oxide from the company's facility. In July, the company installed additional pollution controls to capture ethylene oxide emissions.

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